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## Wednesday's Update



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This weekly electronic newsletter is designed to keep you current on California Water Plan news. We welcome comments, suggestions and any news tips that may be of interest to water planners.

Plan put into place to look at increasing state water facility efficiency DWR has completed the first step toward increasing the efficiency and benefits of California's water facilities. DWR has released a <u>plan</u> of study to define the four phases of the <u>System Reoperation Program</u>. The program will look at management procedures, physical modifications and other elements in an effort to get the most out of the state's water facilities.

Helping the public join the discussion on California's water issues A new guide is available to help the public participate in the decision making processes of state and regional water boards. The <u>Citizen's Guide to Working with the California Water Boards</u> was put together by the <u>Office of Public Participation</u>. The guide includes directions for submitting comments on water issues and contact information for water boards throughout the state.

Report outlines sustainability indicators framework for EPA A <u>report</u> from the National Research Council sets up a framework for incorporating sustainability indicators into decisions made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The report recommends the EPA take environmental, social and economic effects into consideration when making decisions. A sutainability indicator framework is being developed for California Water Plan Update 2013. See the workplan <u>here</u>.

DWR flood legislation handbook receives Focused Issue Planning Award A handbook published by DWR has received the Focused Issue Planning Award from the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. <u>Implementing California Flood Legislation into Local Land-Use Planning: A Handbook for Local Communities</u> was cited for being well organized and



user friendly. The handbook describes how flood risk management legislation affects city and county responsibilities related to local planning tools and documents.

Water Commission to get updates on Delta Plan, storage workshops

DPC invites public to attend workshops on Delta economic plan

Updates on the Delta Plan and water storage workshops are on the <u>agenda</u> for next week's meeting of the California Water Commission. It will be held Wednesday, Aug. 17, in Sacramento. A <u>webcast</u> of the meeting will be available.

The Delta Protection Commission (DPC) will be holding four public workshops this month to discuss its draft <u>Delta Economic Sustainability Plan</u>. The first workshop will be Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Clarksburg. Details and the workshop schedule are available on the <u>DPC</u> website.

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**Upcoming Meetings** 

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